

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 1-2, 2016

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**Welcome all** in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshipping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

**Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church?** According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

**Altar Flower Chart:** The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located on the kitchen counter. In order to have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **If you take the black "liners" home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday. Thank You!**

**Glory of Christ** gave Altar Flowers this morning.

**Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM;** followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30.

**Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers** – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for prayers for St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns.

**Additional Time to Worship** - Every Wednesday morning beginning at 9:15 am, Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger will have a Prayer Office (Matins or Morning Prayer). This happens right before Wednesday morning Bible Study. Please join us if you are able!

**Annual GoC Chili Cook-Off!** Mark your calendars for the Annual Glory of Christ Chili Cook-Off to be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. So get working on your best Chili, Cornbread and pie recipes!! Signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

**Next Men's Reading Group** will meet on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am at the Perkins in Maple Grove. If you haven't attended one yet and are interested, please let Pastor Johnson know.

**"A Candid Look at Islam"** is the topic for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Free Conference on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran church, 2719 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N., St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 4:00. Addressing this topic will be Dr. Timothy Furnish from Atlanta, GA., and Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt from St. Louis MO. Registration is \$25 which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though pre-registration is not required, a non-monetary **pre-registration is required if** you plan to eat. For the meal call (320) 252-8171 or email [office@redeemerstcloud.org](mailto:office@redeemerstcloud.org) by Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. More information about this event and the speakers can be found on the table in the Narthex.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Caitlyn Jenner, school bathrooms, the Supreme Court decision, transgender, gay rights, non-binary: the issues of human sexuality are front and center on the American stage, and the church cannot remain silent. How do we respond to our cousin who announces that he's gay and wants to know that we're ok with it? How do we respond to those who vilify the church as "hate-filled" and "homophobic"? How do we respond with compassion to the Orlando shooting without having our response confused as approval? This new Sunday morning Bible Study is called, **"Speaking the truth in love: a Christian's guide to the issues of sexuality."** During this study, we'll review what the Bible has to say about all this, familiarize ourselves with the modern perspective on sexuality, and address how we can respond to friends and family members, hot-button issues, and the slogans that we encounter every day. So join us this fall as we endeavor to better speak the truth in love.

**Quilters:** Quilting will begin this coming Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and we will work into the afternoon. Also, mark your calendar for the 18th of October as well. We would love to see a few more people sharing their time with us, everyone is welcome!

**Voters Meeting!** We will have a voters meeting on Sunday October 9, 2016 right after Bible Study. This will be a very important meeting where we will look to share pledge results, present financial projections and formally seek congregational approval to pursue the building program and the financing to accompany the project. Please mark this date on your calendar!



*At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 151. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service, you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.*

## **Worship Notes**

### **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **Luke 17:1-10**

#### **"The Miracle of Forgiveness"**

In your own experience, you may have been in a situation where forgiving someone was a downright daunting task. The disciples recognized this as they cried out to Jesus, *"Increase our faith"*. They surely thought to forgive without limits would require more than what they were equipped with. The fact is that forgiveness is a great and grand miracle of God! You can forgive the unforgivable and love the unlovable because that's exactly what Jesus did for you. You are the receiver and bearer of utterly undeserved grace and mercy.

Today Jesus warns that the moment we become proud of ourselves, proud of what we have done, proud of our forgiveness toward others or even proud of our faith, we are denying Justification by grace for Christ's sake. Rather, we are to do all our duty faithfully and responsibly, without thinking that we have earned any credit or approval before God. Faith doesn't look at ourselves and our record of good works, but faith finds our full and complete approval in God's eyes through Jesus Christ. Faith takes hold of Christ as the one and only reason we find approval from God.

Avoiding sin and temptation, rebuking others from sin in an attitude of humility, turning away from sin ourselves, forgiving our brother 7 times a day, and doing all this without expecting that we deserve something in return? If it seems too great a task, and it is greater than we can accomplish—then pray *"Increase our faith!"* God will grant us to do even more than this—Faith is as powerful as the object in which it trusts—Jesus the world's faithful forgiver.

## **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

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**October 2, 2016**

**OPENING HYMN #902 – "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"**

***Baptism of Curtis Gordon Madson***

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** Ps. 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: Ps. 119:166



I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
and I do your com- | mandments.

**I rejoice | at your word\***

**like one who | finds great spoil.**

**Seven times a day I | praise you\***

**for your just and righ- | teous decrees.**

**Great peace have those who | love your law;\***

**nothing can make them | stumble.**

**My soul keeps your testi- | monies;\***

**I love them ex- | ceedingly.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
and I do your com- | mandments.

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### HYMN OF PRAISE

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### COLLECT

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

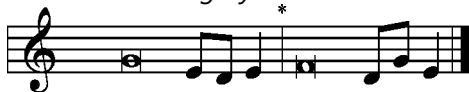
<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** – *Sung by Choir*



He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**EPISTLE** 2 Timothy 1:1–14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA and VERSE – page 156**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 17:1–10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON HYMN #587 – "I Know My Faith is Founded"**

**SERMON**

**CREED**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING** – *“Continue In The Things That You Have Learned” - Choir*

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**AGNUS DEI**

**The Distribution Hymns:**

**Hymn #614** – *“As Surely as I Live,” God Said”*

**Hymn #637** – *“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”*

**Hymn #857** – *“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”*



**Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

*(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)*

For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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**CLOSING HYMN #575** – *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*